

Portrait

welcome guide





Capture your Story

Let me tell yours.

About kms

KMS Photography is a portrait & wedding photographer based out of San Mateo, California. As an award winning photographer, I take much pride and care in each and every snap of my camera. All sessions are not treated equally. Whether you would like individual portraits, family pictures, or maternity and newborn photos, I will personally capture your story with the uniqueness it deserves. Your moments are precious and should be treasured for a lifetime.

Photographic Style

Documentary-style photography is a balance between formal photography (most photos posed) and photojournalism (absolutely nothing is posed) - documentary style involves "setting the scene" for good images without over-directing. This ensures that you are in good locations with good lighting and that you look your best, while still feeling completely natural.



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Custom Photography is an *Investment*

KMS Photography wants to make sure the return on your investment is exactly as you hope it will be by ensuring you receive quality service and products. I take the time to personalize each session and really understand what your vision for your portraits is beforehand. Each session is then retouched and edited, making certain that every image is as beautiful as the moment captured was.

Surveys have shown that people value their images more when they are able to visit them often, such as on a wall display or in a photo album, which is why I offer a variety of print products that will fit beautifully in your home, inquire to see my product catalog. Understanding that creating and deciding on the right display for you and your family members is difficult, I will gladly guide you through the process and find the picture perfect products to fit your home. Your family art can be treasured everyday and not simply be seen on your computer the next time you decide to back them up.

All session types come with a password-protected online gallery for 90 days, in which you will have a chance to view and download your images, as well as order any prints and products. Please note that on average, clients invest between \$800 and \$2500 on their custom photography experience. All services and products are put through a high quality standard to be sure you have an enjoyable experience.

Choose a Session Type.

The longer the session the more variety you will receive. In general, each hour yields about 40 images. If you think you only want a short session, ask yourself what exactly you are trying to get out of your session. If it is simply to update your family portrait for the year maybe a 30 minute session, the acquaintance package, is all you need. If you're interested in receiving some photographs for your family holiday card and a lovely fine art piece to display on your wall then you should think about adding more time to your session, the experience package. If you are not sure, we can figure it out together.

what to expect

Just Have Fun!

During our session, you can expect a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. My main goal is for your family to be comfortable and relaxed enough to allow me to capture your unique personality. I encourage clients to interact with each other as if I'm not even there, so that I can capture both posed shots and candid.

Locations

Parks, the beach, urban areas, or even your own backyard are all great locations. While my in-home studio is only for newborn sessions, I can come to your home and take some lifestyle photos in and around.

Maternity

I know that you may feel uncomfortable, but this is a special time in your life to be treasured and remembered. The best time to photograph expecting mothers is 30-36 weeks when your belly is nice and plump without a ton of discomfort. When dressing your belly, remember to accentuate. This means stay away from black and loose clothing.

Newborn

I now provide 2 options for newborn sessions, in your home or in my home studio. They vary in the respect that one yields more studio-like images and the other is more lifestyle photos capturing you and your family in your space. While I can work with you on timing, the *first 10 days of life* is the best time to photograph because they are more likely to sleep through all the moving, different settings, and they take well to being positioned for the 2 to 3 hours of time we have together. Ask me for my FAQs for more details.

Children + Babies

If there are small children involved, please expect to take breaks. Meltdowns are apart of life and this is to be expected with posing. I am a very patient person and there is no need to rush through our photos together. To help ease some of these meltdowns, I do suggest bringing your child's favorite snack and/or toy(s). Not only can I use them as distractions, but they come in handy for break time.

Clothing

Decide on a theme: Do you want to have dressy or traditional photos? Or do you want to capture your casual, playful, vintage or edgy style? Don't forget, you can always bring a change of clothes. *Layers and accessories are always a good idea*, provide a lot of interest and make it easy to remove an article of clothing and have a totally different look. Avoid logos and matching, *simply try to coordinate and compliment. Mostly, just be yourself, wear what you like and let your kids wear what they like. It's what is best to capture who you really are!*

photography



the Adventure \$800

- email, phone, or in-person consultation
- 90 to 120 minute session
- up to two locations within 5 miles
- editing and retouching
- online gallery to view, download, share and order
- all high-res files available for download

*REQUIRED FOR NEWBORNS

BEST FOR: Lifestyle, Family, Newborn*, Engagement, Styled, and High School Senior

the Experience \$600

- email, phone, or in-person consultation
- 45 to 60 minute session
- one outdoor location
- editing and retouching
- online gallery to view, download, share and order
- all high-res files available for download

BEST FOR: Family, Maternity, Milestones, and Aspiring Models

the Acquaintance \$475

- email or phone consultation
- 30 minute photo shoot
- one of three approved locations:
Central Park
Washington Park
Laurelwood Park
- editing and retouching
- online gallery to view, download, share and order
- all high-res files available for download

BEST FOR: Family-update, Late-term Maternity, and Headshots

examples

SOME EXAMPLES SESSIONS

(time and locations can always be added for an additional fee)

engagement session

- the adventure session

Capture your love together. Take me to up to two places that mean something to you and share your story with me so I can share the beauty of it with you. My favorite parts of love stories is incorporating important places or things to you and your fiance, so please enjoy this process and tell me your vision.

lifestyle session

- the adventure session on a family fun day

I will simply be a fly on the wall capturing a couple hours of your family fun day, whether it be at the zoo, on a bike ride or a hike, playing catch, whatever it is you love to do with your family. Travel or entry fees may apply.

maternity session

- the experience session

Take advantage of your beautiful baby bump and treasure this special time in your life. I know how exhausting it can be, so I won't keep you long, just long enough to get some wonderful portraits of you, your significant other and baby-to-be. Stylize your shoot with colored balloons to reveal gender, a ribbon to wrap your gift with, or other wonderful ideas you may have.

newborn

- the adventure session (required)

addendum: 2 to 3 hour session in your home

These sessions are definitely a favorite of mine. Capturing a sweet infants first few days of life is a beautiful thing. We will spend time capturing you as a new family and your little one on his own in up to three different settings. Be sure to gather up meaningful props and personal items to make your photos special to you and you only!

one year old portrait + cake smash session

- the adventure session

This is a great way to treasure your baby first birthday. With the adventure session we will spend up to 120 minutes together to take some family portraits (bring grandparents and get the most out of it) as well as some beautiful solo portraits of your one year old with up to 3 outfit changes. Then comes the fun part: your sweet child gets to smash, eat and enjoy his or her cake while I capture the fun. For an additional \$200, I will style your session with balloons, decorations and a 6" round smash cake.

mini session

- the acquaintance session

No need to fuss, just spend a quick few minutes with me to capture whatever it is you want to capture: an updated family portrait, late-term maternity pictures, updated child portraits, and more.



Standard Prints

Using a high-quality E-Surface paper, your session images are printed beautifully with vibrant colors like the moment captured.

8 Wallets	\$	5.00
4x6	\$	5.00
5x7	\$	7.00
8x10	\$	11.00
10x10	\$	21.00
11x14	\$	36.00
16x20	\$	81.00
20x30	\$	126.00
24x36	\$	226.00
30x45	\$	351.00



Digital Options

All your images can be downloaded straight from your online gallery in high-resolution, but if you prefer a physical product, these personally designed wooden boxes and printed USBs are a great addition.

Personalized USB | \$ 80

Also available:
Canvas Wraps, Metal Prints, Animal Storyboards, Books & Albums, and more. Inquire to see our product catalog!

frequently asked

questions

{ Q } When will we receive our online gallery and proof prints?

{ A } Session images take time to cull through and edit. You will receive your online gallery within 1 to 3 weeks of your session date. You will have no less than 90 days to view, download, share and order any prints and products from your gallery.

{ Q } Can we bring props for our pictures?

{ A } Absolutely and I encourage it! Unfortunately, I am unable to supply props like, chalk boards, sports gear, accessories etc. However, I welcome you to bring them and will be happy to incorporate anything into your photos, just be sure to mention them either at our consultation or at the very beginning of our session so I can include them in my creative process.

{ Q } Do you have a studio?

{ A } I do have an in-home studio, however it is only available for newborn sessions and headshots.

{ Q } Can my family and friends view and order from our gallery?

{ A } Yes, simply share the email I will send to you with your gallery information and password and your friends and family can click the link and sign in to your gallery.

and for *newborn sessions*

General Information

The first 10 days of life is the best time to photograph because they are more likely to sleep through different settings, and they take well to being positioned extended period of time we have together. These sessions take place in your home or my in-home studio. When in your home, I use your home decor, like the baby's nursery, to take some lifestyle pictures of the baby and your family. If conditions are ideal, we can also take some outdoor newborn portraits. When in my studio, I get more posed photos that are mostly of just the baby in different settings (blankets, baskets, etc.) with a few full family and sibling shots.

{ Q } Why do newborn session last 2 to 3 hours?

{ A } The 2 to 3 hours allows for time to change diapers, cuddle and calm baby, as well as time for me to change settings. Your newborn will sleep through most of the session, but I have noticed that sleeping or not, the stimulation of being posed, held, and wiggled around so much works up an appetite! Regardless of your current schedule with baby, planning for an extra feeding and extra diaper changes during the session is highly recommended.

{ Q } What do I need to do to prepare?

{ A } For home sessions, keep your home at a comfortable *70 degrees*, have baby wipes nearby, gather your personal props (hats, headbands, mementos, blankets, baskets or crates, etc.), make sure your baby is fed and happy right before my arrival, and, most of all, bring your patience. For studio sessions, no need to worry about the heat, but everything else still applies. I still suggest gathering headbands, mementos and other personal items, however *crates, baskets, and blankets are provided by me*. While I try my best to accommodate any requests, please prioritize your mementos so that I can make sure to get your favorites included.

{ Q } If they're naked, won't they pee everywhere?

{ A } Yes! Babies often can pee and poop on me or you. To prevent this from becoming a mess, I do have potty pads to place under blankets and on the floor, but things happen. And, yes I have been both peed and pooped on.

{ Q } Is there anything else I should know?

{ A } These sessions take time and patience. The babies cry, need feeding, just don't want the attention, and I take time to set up my equipment. Overall, we will have a fun time and relax so that the atmosphere is calm for your newborn.

studio POLICIES



Our Policy

Our studio prides itself on providing the ultimate photographic experience, including before, during and after your session. We will spend quality time with you to develop the best day for you. The following guidelines will help ensure that your experience is seamless from start to finish.

Payments

To reserve KMS Photography for your session, a 50% retainer is required upon signing of the contract. This retainer is non-refundable, but can be transferred to another date and time. The balance of your payment is due at your session. Payments for additional art pieces or products can be made at the time of ordering for your convenience, however your online gallery will only be made available for 90 days. A reinstatement fee of \$50 may be made for an additional 30 days. We accept cash, check, or credit card, however a 5% credit fee will apply.

Travel Fees

KMS Photography will travel to any and all locations. Anything outside of the 20 mile radius from our home base will incur travel expenses. Travel fees include \$0.565 per mile plus any other incurred expenses, including time, tolls, etc.



Memories
are
timeless treasures
of the
Heart



*you don't make a photograph
with a camera
you bring to the act of photography
all the pictures you have seen
the books you have read
the music you have heard
the people you have loved.*

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